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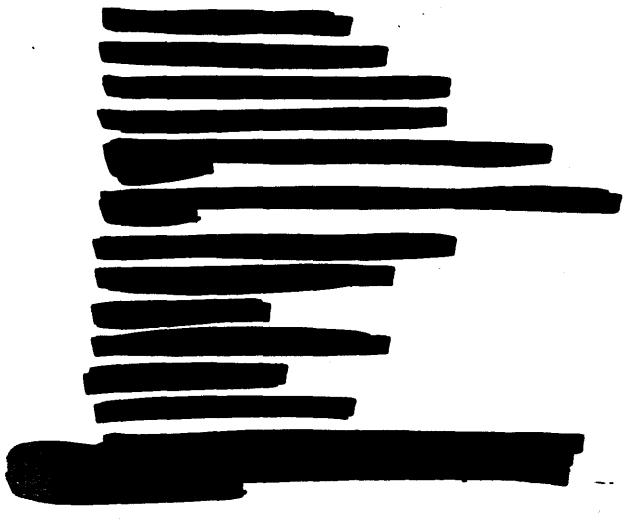
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STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)

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Synopsis:

CHARLES ENLOW KOEN, Midwest Director, Student Monviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), has held two conferences recently in the Springfield Division, January 28, 1969, at Springfield, and March 1 - 2, 1969, at East St. Louis, Illinois. These conferences were attended by representatives of other militant Negro organizations from Springfield, Illinois; East St. Louis, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Chicago, Illinois; and representatives of SNCC from Cincinnati. Among the purposes of these conferences is the furthering of black nationalism and also the possible uniting of the various militant groups under one coordinating board. APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

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On January 27, 1969 advised he had learned January 26, 1969, that CHARLES KOEN, Student Monviolent advised he had learned Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Midwest Director and leader of a group called the National Black Liberators, in St. Louis, Missouri, had contacted Cincinnati, Chio. SNCC Educational Advisor, LEROY COSTON, January 25, 1969, and requested no more than two leadership representatives in Springfield, Illinois, on January 28, 1969, at twelve noon, purpose of meeting and identity of other invitees unknown.

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March 5, 1969

Director United States Secret Service Department of the Treasury Washington, D. C. 20220

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Dear Sir:
The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.
 Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U.S., because of his official status.
2. Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U.S.
4. U.S. citizens or residents who defect from the U.S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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Subsequently, on January 27, 1969, advised he additionally learned that EDWARDACRAWFORD from Chicago, Illinois, a member of the Deacons For Defense and Justice, which described as a highly militant Black Nationalist organization which originated in Louisiana, and also is president of a believed new organization called the National Negro Rifle Association, would also attend the above meeting in Springfield, Illinois.

Also on January 27, 1969 through dvised they could furnish no information regarding the possibility of a Black Power conference in the near future in the Springfield area.

On January 28, 1969 advised that all incoming flights into Springfield, Illinois, including those from the Chicago area had been cancelled indefinitely due to poor weather conditions.

Also on January 28, 1969 advised that he observed two individuals, both Negro males, approximately 5'10" tall, one described as stocky build with Afro-type hair, the other individual slender build wearing a dark beret, both carrying attache cases, arrive at the Greyhound Bus Station, Springfield, Illinois, on a Crown Transit Bus, at 11:15 a.m. This bus arrived from Cincinnati via Terre Haute, Indiana.

further advised these two Negro males ate lunch in the cafeteria at the bus station and subsequently left through the west entrance after making a telephone call. advised they went south to Washington Street and walked east on Washington towards 11th Street.

Upon leaving the Greyhound Bus Station, the above mentioned individuals were observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to enter a Terminal Cab Company taxicab, number 6, bearing Illinois license 025-192, at the intersection of East Washington and North 11th Streets, Springfield, Illinois. Later, on January 28, 1969, a 1968 yellow Pontiac, two-door, hardtop, bearing 1969 Missouri license ME2-207 was observed in the southeast section of Springfield with four to six Negro occupants.

A check at the Illinois State Police, District 9
Headquarters, Springfield, Illinois, revealed the above
automobile is registered to Metropolitan Corporation, 10066
Hatural Bridge, St. Louis, Missouri.

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On the evening of January 28, 1969, further advised that the two Negro males mentioned above departed from the Springfield Greyhound Bus Depot at 7:15 p.m., for Cincinnati, Ohio, via Chicago, Illinois. The also advised that at approximately 7:00 p.m., January 28, 1969, ten to twelve Negro males wearing blue berets arrived at the Greyhound Bus Station. Nost of these individuals shook hands with the above mentioned Negro males as they were boarding the bus.

On the evening of January 28, 1969 advised that the wearing of blue berets is a characteristic of the Springfield Chapter of the Black Egyptians, a militant Regro youth organization.

On January 29, 1969 identified from photographs LEROY COSTON, SNCC Educational Advisor from Cincinnati, Chio, as being one of the two individuals who arrived and eight hours later departed the Greyhound Bus Station at Springfield, Illinois.

On January 29, 1969 advised that at approximately 11:30 to 12:00 noon, January 28, 1969, two Negro males were taken in a Terminal Cab Company Taxicab number 6, from 11th and Washington Streets, Springfield, Illinois, to the 1200 block of South 15th Street near the intersection of 15th and Stuart Streets, in a predominantly Negro neighborhood.

On January 30, 1969,

Aero Rent-A-Car (a division of Metropolitan Corporation),
10066 Natural Bridge, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that a
yellow Pontiac Tempest, Missouri license ME2-207 was rented
January 21, 1969, and returned January 29, 1969. It was
rented by EDWARD G. CHALKER, II, 3506 2nd Street, SE, Washington,
D.C., using an American Express Card and District of Columbia
driver's license 2518578 (expires 1969) with description, age
38, 5'102", 150 pounds, black hair, hazel eyes. He is white.
He gave as local address 650 M. 10th Street, East St. Louis,
Illinois, telephone 271-4023. An additional driver for this
car was indicated as HENLAY (possibly HENLEY) FOSTER. He is
Megro. This car was driven 530 miles with charges of \$80.46.

CHALKER, with same identification as above, also rented a car with Missouri license KE9-383 with additional driver being JCHN E CAMPBELL, Negro, 1527 Tudor Drive. East St. Louis, Missouri, telephone 514-4254. This car was rented January 21, and returned January 29. It was driven 462 miles with charges of \$70.07.

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A third car, Missouri license SG 4762, a two-door Rambler, was also rented by CHALKER, the name on the contract being "NED CHALKER II" with same identifying data as above.

said that CHALKER is the same in all instances and he may have printed the name, erroneously printing "NED").

The other driver for this car was indicated as FRANK E. BENDER, age 59, Negro, 1633 A St. Louis, East St. Louis, Missouri.

The race of these individuals as given above is from recollection of

On January 30, 1969 stated he had learned that LEROY COSTON, previously mentioned, and Cincinnati SNCC Program Director, GEORGE HUGHES, were the two representatives who attended the previously described meeting in Springfield, Illinois.

stated the meeting took place in the living room of the home of LARRY ISAAC, Prime Minister of the "Black Egyptians", 1201 South 15th Street, Springfield, Illinois, who within the past two months had moved to Springfield from East St. Louis, Illinois, and resides at the above address with his wife and two small children.

stated the meeting started at about 3:00 p.m., concluded about 6:45 p.m., was attended by about 28 persons, all Negroes, including several females, and the entire meeting was conducted by CHARLES KOEN, leader of the "National Black Liberators", St. Louis, Missouri, with the exception of a short period of time when the speaking was done by KOKN's assistant, also a "Liberator", name unknown, but described as about 28, 6'2", 225 pounds, medium Afro-haircut, clean shaven, neat, with a 3" circular scar on his right cheek.

stated some of the invitees were late in appearing, some departed before the conclusion of the meeting, and some did not appear at all, according to KOEN, such as DAN ALDRIDGE from Detroit, Michigan, two persons from Atlanta, Georgia, one from Memphis, Tennessee, and one from Mississippi. As a result of this the total of 28 in attendance is approximate.

KOEN also stated he had received a telephone call from EDWARD CRAWFORD, who told KOEN that because of inclement weather the planes were grounded, and it would be impossible for CRAWFORD to attend the meeting.

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stated that at the inception of the meeting KOEN stated that for obvious reasons there would be absolutely no note taking, and unless some of the attendees were already known to each other, no one would be introduced to anyone else beyond a first name basis.

groups or organizations, the meeting was attended as follows:

- (5) "National Black Liberators" from St. Louis, Missouri, including KOEN, composed of three men and two women, who were among the last to arrive at the meeting.
- (10) "Black Egyptians" from East St. Louis, Ill.
- (3) "Black Egyptians" from Springfield, Illinois.
- (8) "War Lords" from East St. Louis, Illinois.
- (4) "Vice Lords" from Peoria, Illinois.

stated there were three persons, including one woman, who were identified only as atudents from a college near Springfield, Illinois, with a name stated sounded like "Cardon" or "Cordon".

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stated that five of the "Black Egyptians", and four or live of the "War Lords", both from East St. Louis, Illinois, departed from the meeting about one hour before the conclusion.

With regard to the meeting proper stated KOEN set forth the following general purposes, and, thereafter, returned to expand on several of the points:

- 1. To get acquainted with our fellow revolutionaries in different, yet immediately adjacent, territories or areas.
- 2. Although from different areas, to recognize that it is a common system and a common enemy everywhere.
- 3. Discuss the divide and conquer policy of the system.
 - 4. Discuss plans to move against the enemy.
 - 5. Discuss bond and court expenses.
 - 6. Roles of the groups and communications.
- 7. Discuss national meetings of the groups from all areas.
- 8. Discuss establishment of a central office for their (Midwest) area.

KOEN stated one of the main elements of a "revolution" is for the revolutionary to keep his mouth shut", and each of the attendees had been invited because he is a revolutionary.

In expanding upon the subjects, KOEN stated that the enemy had recently subjected their groups to extreme harassment and injustice.

KOEN stated very recently the offices of the "National Black Liberators" in St. Louis had been raided by police, without cause, on two or three occasions; the doors of the offices of the "Black Egyptians" in East St. Louis had been kicked down by the police; a primarily women's school in East St. Louis had been raided by police who found only two guns and a knife after a thorough search; but most significant was because of the mass shooting which had occurred the previous week in East St. Louis which resulted in the deaths of four Megroes and the injuring of two others who were presently on the critical list.

KOEN did not restate the details of the above incident except to the extent it involved six magazine salesmen, two of whom KOEN stated were legitimate, and the other four were undercover police officers.

KOEN stated that as a result of the above, one "SWEDE" JEFFREYS, a leader of the "WarLords" of East St.
Louis, was unjustly arrested and charged with four counts of murder.

KOEN stated JEFFREYS was arrested on the basis of an identification by one of the men who had been shot and died, but identified JEFFREYS while under the influence of narcotics before death.

KOEN stated that the "War Lords" of East St. Louis, led by one "POPS", in attendance at the meeting, and described as about 40-45 years of age, was planning to follow one of two courses of action:

- 1. To go with a group directly to the jail where JEFFREYS is located and kill everyone necessary to free JEFFREYS.
- 2. To commence a planned, but random killing of the enemy one at a time in retaliation.

KOEN stated he, KOEN, believed careful planning should be done; that the possible loss of several might not be worth more than the rescue of only one, but whatever course of action they, the "War Lords", decided to follow, they had the complete support and encouragement of KOEN.

KOEN stated that EDWARD CRAWFORD, who was to have attended the meeting, was to have rendered assistance or advice to the "War Lords" in the course of action they decided to follow.

KOEN stated the number one weapon of their groups is explosives, and that guns are secondary for use as a last resort.

KCEN stated all the groups in East St. Louis have good contacts for explosives in that area, have some available or access to it at the present time, and additionally have a "Black Egyptian" available, who is a former serviceman and a demolition expert, not further identified except located in East St. Louis.

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KOEN thereafter discussed the establishment of a Central Office for the Midwest area, and stated that although Chicago is being considered, Springfield is presently the first choice despite the fact there are more transportation problems involved in travel to and from that city.

KOEN stated it is tentatively planned that a Midwest Conference of all groups will be held February 8, 1969, in Chicago, Illinois, meeting site not designated, but one of the purposes will be to name or select a Midwest Council of representatives from the various groups.

KOEN thereafter discussed generalities and stated he had just returned, no specifics disclosed, from a visit and conference in New York City, New York, with H. RAP BROWN, former National SNCC Chairman, and had also just completed a trip to California relative to the Black Panther Party (EPP).

Further information concerning the Black Panther Party is attached hereto.

KOEN stated that he thereafter contacted National SNCC leader PHILIP HUTCHINGS telephonically relative to his California travel and was advised by HUTCHINGS that he, KOEN, had violated SNCC policy in meeting with the BPP.

KOEN stated that partly, as a result of the above, he was leaving within a few days to attend a conference in Connecticut, and would thereafter return to New York City for further conferences, at the conclusion of which he believed he would return to California and attempt to resolve the differences within the EPP.

KOEN thereafter indicated another meeting was to be held at the same address in Springfield in the immediate future with some of the representatives of the various newspapers and publications of the various groups with whom they are associated, and the entire meeting was thereafter concluded.

On February 7, 1969 advised that on January 21, 1969, three automobiles were rented in the ordinary course of business in conjunction with the Westinghouse Learning Corporation, East St. Louis, Illinoid further advised that HENLAY -- FOSTER, JOHN E. CAMPBELL and FRANK E. BENDER, employed by the Westinghouse Corporation, rented automobiles in the name of MED CHALKER in his capacity with Westinghouse, due to the fact that their credit would not permit them to rent the cars in their own names.

further advised that he had no information concerning where these automobiles were driven and neither could he furnish

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any information concerning any recent activity on the part of area militants in Springfield, Illinois.

On February 23, 1969 advised that the first SNCC National Political Conference previously scheduled for March 1, 1969, in Atlanta, Georgia, had been changed to East St. Louis, Illinois, on March 1-2, 1969, under the leadership of CHARLES KOEN, SNCC Midwest Director.

furnished the following information on March 1-2,

A SNCC sponsored conference of Black militant youth organizations was held in East St. Louis, Illinois, on March 1-2, 1969. The conference was headed by CHARLES KOEN, former Prime Minister of the militant Black Liberators, St. Louis, Missouri. KOEN is currently acting as Midwest Director for SNCC, a nation-wide militant Negro civil rights organization. Local militant Negro youth groups were represented at the conference by the following:

CHARLES JEFFRIES - Warlords, East St. Louis; BENNIE PRICE, Black Culture, Inc., East St. Louis; CARL SELL, Black Egyptians, East St. Louis; FRANK WASHINGTON, a General in Black Liberators, St. Louis, Missouri.

advised that three workshops were planned for the conference as follows:

- 1. To obtain the different view points of different individuals representing the different organizations;
- 2. To determine the divide and conquer methods which normally used to cause internal strife between organizations and individuals within the movement;
- 3. To determine resources in the community for survival and local control of Black communities.

According to persons addressing the conference concerning the possibilities of the Black community owning low income housing, were Mrs. YVETTER TOUNGE, an East St. Louis Megro Civic leader, and Mrs. IDA B CURTIS, Deputy Director, Morth Central Regional Housing Office of the Foundation for Cooperative Housing.

A panel discussion concerning use of the news media was held by the following newspapermen:

EUGENE REDMOND and CLYDE JORDAN of the East St. Louis, Illinois, "Monitor";

ROY WILLIAMS, Editor of "Plain Truth", Champaign, Illinois;

JOHN HOLMES, "Black Unity" newspaper, Carpondale, Illinois.

1969: Turnished the following information on March 1-2,

CHARLES KOEN of SNCC organized and acted as Chairman of the conference of Black militant organizations held on March 1-2, 1969, at 455 North 9th Street, East St. Louis, Illinois. The building at that address has formerly been occupied by the Summers College of Commerce and this building has been donated to the Lutheran Church which sponsors the Warlords of East St. Louis.

The nonmilitant Negroes who addressed the conference concerning housing and the news media were informed that the purpose of the meeting was to seek means of avoiding violence and lessening racial tension in the East St. Louis area. However, the tenor of the meeting indicated that it was for the purpose of stirring up Black Nationalism. There was some discussion concerning a trend toward calculating genocide against the Black people and elimination of Black leaders by white people. Approximately 60 persons attended the conference on March 1, 1969. Those in attendance included representatives of all three of the Black militant groups of East St. Louis, Illinois. Those known to included the following:

Brom Black Culture, Inc., were EUGENE REDMOND, DERCY SMITH, DWIGHT SMITH, RAYMOND SHARP and BENNIE PRICE;

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Prom the Black Egyptians were CARL BELL, KALEY PAYTON and FRANK SMITH;

The Warlords were represented by their leader CHARLES "SWEDE" JEFFRIES.

furnished the following information on March 2,

Approximately 45 persons attended the conference on March 2, 1969. The conference was led by CHARLES KOEN. in attendance was KATHERINE DUNHAM, listed Negro Choreographer, who is currently employed as artist-in-residence at Southern Illinois University, East St. Louis, Illinois, The general discussion at the conference was for the purpose of settling the differences of the various groups represented at the meeting so that they could unite in the revolutionary struggle for freedom of the Black people. There was also discussion concerning means of acquiring firearms, including burglary of hardware and gun stores. There was discussion concerning ridding the Black movement of "Uncle Toms". Also discussed was the problem of members being arrested and the Black support they are getting. It was indicated that the group intended to publish a newsletter in the near future. No plans were made. A closed session of about 20 persons began about 4:30 p.m.

furnished the following information on March 2, 1969:

With the exception of KALEY PAYTON of the Black Egyptians, who is friendly with CHARLES KOEN, the militants of East St. Louis, Illinois, are opposed to CHARLES KOEN. They regard KOEN as an outsider who is attempting to intrude upon their territory. The March 1-2, 1969 conference in East St. Louis, organized by KOEN, was foisted upon the militants of East St. Louis under the pretext that KOEN could bring in some other cities leaders who could advise as to what action should be taken by the local militants, legal or otherwise, concerning the following incident:

CHARLES "SWEDE" JEFFRIES, leader of the Warlords, spent about three weeks in jail in January and February, 1969, after being identified as one of a group of young Negroes claiming to be Warlords, who in East St. Louis fired on a group of young out-of-town Negro magazine salesmen, killing four and wounding three. JEFFRIES was released from jail on that charge after passing a lie detector test. JEFFRIES has since then been considering legal action against the East St. Louis Police Department, St. Clair County States Attorney, and the victims who identified him as their assailant because

of the above arrest. CHARLES KOEN recently lost favor with the group of Black Liberators in St. Louis, Missouri, which had been formed by KOEN. KOEN is now, in effect, a militant without a group. Although KOEN has the title of Midwest Director of SNCC, SNCC has never had any following in the St. Louis area. KOEN is currently using SNCC as a vehicle in an attempt to obtain a power base for himself in East St. Louis. It appears this attempt will be doomed because of resentment against KOEN in the East St. Louis area.

According to TVETTER YOUNGE, mentioned previously, is a Negro native of East St. Louis, about 49 years of age, who is an attorney, and is the wife of East St. Louis Negro attorney RICHARD YOUNGE, who represented CHARLES KOEN concerning KOEN's arrest in East St. Louis in the spring of 1968. YVETTER YOUNGE has shown no indication of militancy.

According to CLYDE JORDAN, mentioned previously, is editor and publisher or the East St. Louis, Illinois, "Monitor", a weekly Negro newspaper in which JORDAN prints both the conservative and militant Negro points of view. CLYDE JORDAN is also an Administrative Assistant to the Mayor of East St. Louis, is a member of the East St. Louis School Board, and is also a member of the Illinois State Housing Board.

APPENDIX

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STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), headquartered at 360-362 Nelson Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, is a nonmembership organization, which was born out of the siting movement that erupted across the South beginning in 1960.

Today SNCC identifies itself as an organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

According to SNCC the year 1967 marked a historic milestone in the struggle for the liberation of black people in the United States and the year that revolutionaries throughout the world began to understand more fully the impact of the black movement. SNCC declared that "liberation will come only when there is final destruction of this mad octopus—the capitalistic system of the United States with all its life—sucking tentacles of exploitation and racism that choke the people of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The realities of black life, together with the recognition instilled in SNCC workers forced its members to further popularize the legitimacy of self-defense and rebellions when oppression became too great."

From May, 1966, until May, 1967, STOKELY CARMICHAEL was National Chairman of SNCC. As of July, 1968, CARMICHAEL resided in Washington, D.C., where he was affiliated with SNCC and active as temporary chairman of a black coalition group. In May, 1967, CARMICHAEL was replaced by HUBERT GEROID BROWN, commonly known as H. RAP BROWN, who served until June, 1968.

In June, 1968, at the Staff and Central Committee meeting of SNCC held in Atlanta, Georgia, it was decided to restructure the organization by equalization of responsibility by creating ten deputy or vice-chairmanships. The primary purpose for this change is to take law enforcement pressure off any single individual.

APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "... we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it.

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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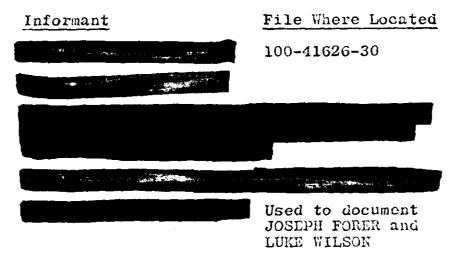
WFO indices contain no pertinent additional information concerning JAMES MONSONIS or LENORE MONSONIS.

WFO files indicate COURTLAND COX, age 22, was one of three Howard University students who staged a sit-in demonstration in the Attorney General's office in March, 1963, protesting jailing of several integrationists in Louisiana.

An article in "The Washington Post" newspaper 9/15/63, indicates JOEL DRESSLER, age 21, of 1108 Kingswood Drive, Falls Church, Virginia, was one of a group of eight white and Negro picketers arrested 9/14/63, when they refused to leave the Levitt and Sons sales office at Belair, Maryland, where they were protesting the developer's refusal to sell to Negroes. The article indicates five of the picketers including DRESSLER were arrested under identical circumstances the previous week.

WFO files contain an undated list of foreign students enrolled at Howard University, received 4/21/61, which indicates MICHAEL THELWELL, of Jamaica, was a freshman in the Liberal arts College.

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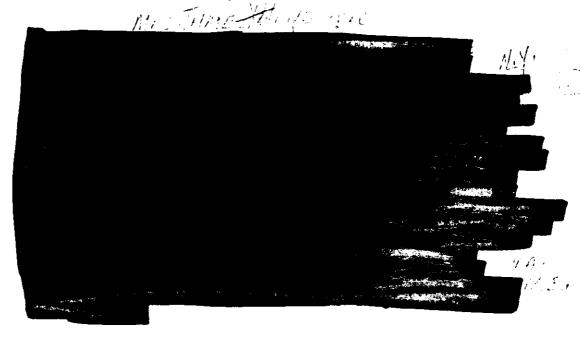
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On October 8, 1964, JAMES MONSONIS was interviewed of the new Washington, D.C., office of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), 107 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., (formerly located at 3418 11th Street, N.W.) by Special Agent MONSONIS advised SA the SNCC in



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Washington, D.C. has no officers; however, his official title is Director and his wife, LENORE MONSONIS, is Associate Director. MONSONIS stated other officers may be added in the future but he does not know when this will take place.

During a hearing conducted by the Subversive Activities Control Board during December, 1963, in New York City concerning the Advance Youth Organization, the counsel for Advance produced JAMES MONSONIS as a witness for Advance. MONSONIS testified that he was at that time on the staff of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in New York City, and had previously been employed by SNCC in Atlanta, Georgia. On cross-examination, MONSONIS stated that officials of SNCC were aware of the fact he was testifying in behalf of the Advance Youth Organization.

The above hearing was being conducted on the basis of a petition filed by the United States Attorney General with the Subversive Activities Control Board for an order requiring the Advance Youth Organization to register as required by the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950 in that the organization was a Communist Party front.



Characterizations of the Young Socialist Alliance and the "Young Socialist" appear in the appendix of this report.

"The Evening Star", Washington, D.C. daily newspaper, edition of October 10, 1963, page B-1, carried an article which indicated JAMES FORMAN, Executive Secretary of SNCC, would speak at a civil rights discussion that evening at the American University, Washington, D.C. Other speakers listed were AUBREY MILLIAMS, President Emeritys of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, and FRANK WILKINSON, Executive Secretary of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC).

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necording to this article, plans to charge admission with the proceeds going to the Washington Area Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (WACAHUAC) were vetoed by the University President.

Characterizations of the MCARUAC, WACARUAC and the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCLY) are contained in the appendix section of this report.

JULIN ZUTLER of Dallas, Texas, in testimony before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on March 19, 1954, as a former CP member, testified he was introduced to AUMER WILLIAM in 1952 as "Conrade Thanka:" that he porticipated with WILLIAM in a conference of communict affairs about one worth later; and he had heard WILLELD montioned often as a communist. Photoching identified at the same hearing as a former CP organizer, testified he was introduced to WILLIAMS by HIMMER EENJAHIN, whom he identified as a charter morbor of the CP, as one of the "Chief National Loaders." Chouch further testified that he yould not have made state, which to WILLIAM unless. "I had loon informal that be gue a searet leader." TA TYTALILA CTALLIAN, E LOIT-confessed or rendst, in testimony before the Loude demilities on UL-Amorican Activities (ACUA) on August 3, 3040, stated he did not know AUBRIN WILLIAMS but he had heard communists mention WILLIAMS as a friend of the CP. At a hearing before the United States Internal Locurity Subcommittee on Narch 18, 1994, WILLIAMS denied ever having been a number of the CP.

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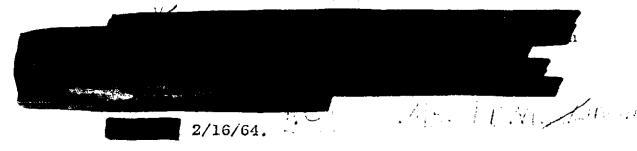
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On November 8, 1962, identified FRANK WILKINSON as Executive Director of the NCAHUAC.

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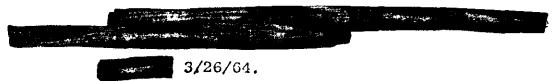
The "Peoples World" is a West Coast communist newspaper, published weekly in San Francisco.



A characterization of the CJCS appears in the appendix section of this report.

On January 21, 1954, identified LETIS ZIECHECK as a current CP member.

The May, 1964, issue of "Shalom", monthly publication of the CJCS, self-identified as such, contained an article which stated MIKE THELWELL, representing the SNCC, discussed the purpose and program of his organization at the March 22 Seniors meeting. The article quotes THELWELL as stating the present project is to get the voter registration moving, and solicited support for his organization.

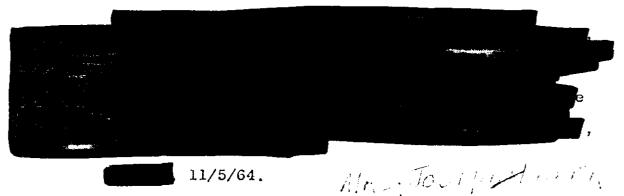


The Senior Group students of the CJCS are active in the SNCC.

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On March 4, 1964, the CJCS made a contribution of \$25 to the SNCC to be used for "Mississippi Relief".

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A meeting was held at the residence of JOSEPH and FLORENCE FORER, 711 Horton Drive, Kemp Mill Estate, Silver Spring, Maryland, on February 28, 1964, for the purpose of hearing two leaders of the striking coal miners in Eastern Kentucky. About 65 persons including 18 Seniors of the CJCS, attended the meeting. A collection of \$175 was taken to be given to the miners. JOEL DRESSLER of the ENCC got and said everyone should help. He said he would be at the SNCC to receive letters, foodstuffs, and money for the striking miners.

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About 40 to 45 persons attended a meeting at the residence of JOSEPH FORER, 711 Horton Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, on February 28, 1964, which featured BERMAN effeson, who represented the striking coal miners in Eastern Kentucky.

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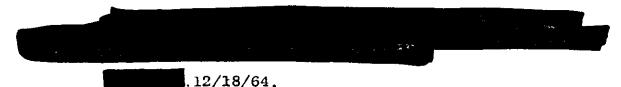
"The Washington Post", daily Washington, D.C. newspaper, on April 27, 1964, on the first page of the Appendix section, contained an article entitled "Gregory Predicts Social Revolution". The article stated that comedian DICK GREGORY spoke at a pre-show cocktail party on Saturday, 🖺 April 25, 1964, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LUKE WATLSON on the grounds of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, (9100 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland). The article stated that the WILSONS, who donated the NIH site to the Government, asked friends - many of whom were members of the Friends of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee or the Women Strike for Peace, both of which Mrs. WILSON is associated with - to meet GREGORY and the Freedom Singers and to help raise money for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). GREGORY and the Freedom Singers were in Washington, D.C., to appear in a show Saturday, April 25, 1964, to benefit the SNCC's Mississippi summer project.



On December 13, 1964, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed GEORGE MEYERS enter the Washington, D.C. office of SNCC at 107 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., at 3:25 p.m. and depart at 3:55 p.m.

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On June 15, 1964, described identified GEORGE MEYERS as a member of the CP, USA National Executive Committee and Chairman of the CP District which includes Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia, and North Carolina.



Confidential informants who are familiar with certain phases of CP and related activities in the Washington, D.C. area were contacted in November, 1964, and could furnish no information concerning JAMES and LENORE MONSONIS or COURTLAND COX, of Howard University, who has been identified as a member of the Executive Committee of the SNCC.

Criminal and subversive files of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington L., were checked on Movember 3, 1964, by and contained no record of JAMES and LEHORE MONSONIS or COURTLAND COX; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

COOPERATIVE JEWISH CHILDREN'S SCHOOL OF GREATER WASHINGTON Also known as WASHINGTON JEWISH CHILDREN'S SCHOOL, SHULE

The 1962-1963 Yearbook of the Cooperative Jewish Children's School of Greater Washington (CJCS) self-described as such, stated that the school was organized in 1947, that it is cooperative because the parents are the management, and secular since it does not single out any particular principles of the Jewish religion for instruction. This Yearbook lists the address of the school as 4402 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., and that the school year extends from October through May. Classes for the children are held on Sunday only.

District of Columbia Government records, as of May 7, 1964, reflect that the premises at 4402 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., are occupied by the Jewish Culture Society (JCS).

Sources, on May 7, 1964, identified the 1964-1965 CJCS officers. Other sources have identified four of the officers as Communist Party members in the past.

In June, 1963, a source identified the current editor of "Shalom," self-identified as the monthly publication of the CJCS, as a then member of the Communist Party.

The JCS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Page 115, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

"Cited as a 'new organization' set up in the Summer of 1960 to lead and direct the Communist Party's 'Operation Abolition' campaign, Seven of the national leaders of this group have been identified as Communists."

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1278 on the Truth About the Film 'Operation Abolition,' Part 1, October 3,1961, p.5)."

A source has advised that the NCAUAC changed its name on March 3, 1962, to include the word "House" in its name, thereby becoming known as the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC). A national meeting of this organization was held in Chicago, Illinois, on April 27 and 28, 1963.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American demogratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

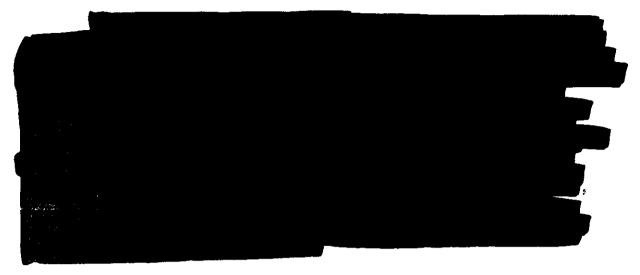


who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on May 27, 1963, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, rank and file CP members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.

On May 27, 1963, the second source advised that in the past, he has considered James Dombrowski, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a communist, if not an actual Communist Party member, because he followed communist principles.

The second source also advised on May 27, 1963, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE



A second source, on September 12, 1962, advised the WACAHUAC is affiliated with the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC). On April 14, 1964, the first source advised the WACAHUAC is still in existence and continues to be affiliated with the NCAHUAC.

A third source has identified Selma Rein, Selma Samols and Ethel Weisser as Communist Party (CP) members during the period 1953 - 1954.



The NCAHUAC is characterized separately in the Appendix.

YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960, issue of the "Young Socialist" (YS), page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17, 1960, a national organization entitled "The Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA) was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue stated that this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

The above issue page 6, set forth the Founding Declaration of YSA. This declaration stated that the YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles, and that the supporters of the YS have come into basic political solidarity with the SWP on the principles of revolutionary socialism.

A source advised on May 6, 1964, that the original YSA was an organization formed during October, 1957, in New York City by youth of various left socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The leaders of this group were the guiding forces in the establishment of the national organization.

The source further advised on May 6, 1964, that the YSA is dominated and controlled on a national basis by the SWP through having SWP members comprise exclusively the National Executive Committee (NEC) and through an official SWP representative at all YSA NEC meetings. The YSA, in reality, is the youth and training section of the SWP and the main source of new SWPmembers.

The headquarters of the YSA are located in Room 631, 41 Union Square West, New York City.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



"YOUNG SOCIALIST"

The "Young Socialist" (YS) is a monthly publication self-described in the April-May, 1964, issue of this newspaper as the official organ of the Young Socialist Alliance.

The YS maintains the mailing address of Post Office Box 471, Cooper Station, New York, New York, 10003.

The Young Socialist Alliance is described elsewhere in the Appendix.







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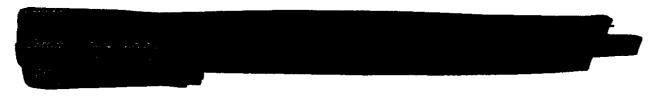
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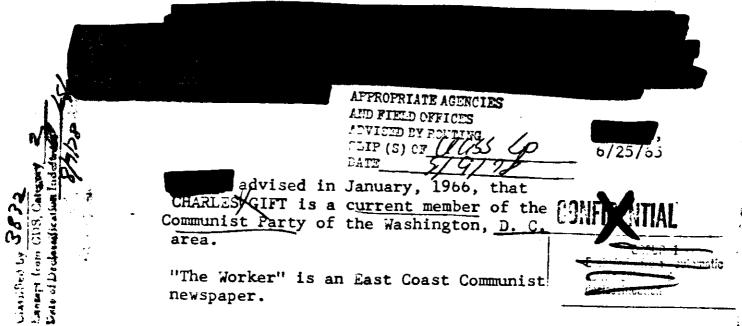
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HUNRY MINSTON was convicted in U. S. District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949 for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

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A memorial meeting was held November 7, 1965 for Dr. MARCUS I. GOLDMAN, at the Statler Hotel, Washington, D. C. DAVID REIN was Master of Ceremonies, and speakers were GEORGE MURPHY and JOE FORER. A request was made for those attending to contribute to SNCC if they so desired.

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On August 23, 1955, HERBERT FUCHS, a self-admitted former member of the CP, advised

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DAVID REIN was a member of a secret government CP group at the Labor Relations Board during 1937 to 1942.

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advised in June, 1964, that Dr. MARCUS GOLDMAN had referred to his wife and himself as Communists. GOLDMAN died October 2, 1965.



"The Evening Star," a Washington daily newspaper, in an article November 13, 1956, stated that GEORGE MURPHY, in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, on November 12, 1956, admitted being a sponsor of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign 3orn. (ACPFB)

The ACPFB has been cited pursuant the Europeant utive Order 10450.

"The Worker," in an article dated October 21, 1962, described JOE FORER as "Washington attorney.
... has been one of the main attorneys in the CP's defense against the Mc Carran Act, and is attorney for the ACPFB."

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advised SELMA/RZIN was a member of the CP from 1945 to 1947.

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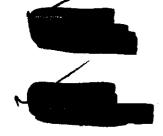
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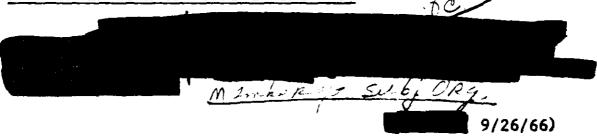
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The Washington, D.C., headquarters of SNCC are located at 107 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.

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INDIVIDUALS WITH CP BACKGROUND ASSOCIATED WITH OR REPRESENTING SNCC



CHARLES GIFT was a member of the CP of the Washington, D.C., area in January, 1966.

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BY STOKELY CARMICHAEL

STOKELY CARMICHAEL represented SNCC at a meeting concerning "Black Power" at Crampton Auditorium, Howard University, Washington, D.C., on the evening of October 26, 1966. STOKELY CARMICHAEL mentioned Lowndes County, Alabama, as being eighty per cent Negro, and that it was important for Negroes in Washington, D.C., to lend support to Lowndes County Negroes attaining power in their county government. He said that they were going to have a rally in Washington, D.C., to lend support to Lowndes County. CARMICHAEL was critical of the city of Atlanta, Georgia, for having constructed a new stadium in an area which forced the Negro children to attend school in three shifts.

The "Washington Post and Times Herald", a Washington, D.C., daily newspaper, issue of October 27, 1966, contained an article captioned "Revival of Blackness is Applauded at Howard". This article stated that STOKELY CARMICHAEL, one of the two proponents of "Black Power" clearly carried the audience with them in presenting their side of the debate on the question "Can Any Good Come Out of Black Power?"

The article quoted CARMICHAEL as saying "White America cannot Condemn herself. So we have done it. We condemn her...You are black brothers and sisters and you better come home...If you don't come on home, the gate is going to be closed".

CARMICHAEL was quoted as asking whether it was not "hypocritical for a country that's bombing the hell out of Vietnam to talk about non-violence". In reference to the Reserve Officers Training Corps program at Howard University, CARMICHAEL stated, "they teach you to be hired killers each Thursday and you don't protest".

The January 16, 1967, issue of the Washington Post and Times Herald" contained an article on Page A-4 captioned, "CARMICHAEL to Quit as SNCC Chairman". This article reported that STOKELY CARMICHAEL spoke on January 15, 1967, at the Church of the Redeemer, 15th and Girard Streets, N.E., Washington, D.C. CARMICHAEL stated that he would step down as Chairman of the militant SNCC in May and return to field organizing in the South. CARMICHAEL was reported as saying he would remain active in the policy making roll in SNCC and speculated SNCC would remain a militant organization. CARMICHAEL was quoted as saying: "If you think I'm rough, you're mistaken. I'm the most moderate one in SNCC". CARMICHAEL pledged himself and SNCC to Black Power" and called for its application in Washington. "We must take over our own community" and suggested that Washington's police



"be controlled by the people". He also said "I say let's have the people in the 13th Precinct pick their own (police) captain, sergeants and lieutenants". CARMICHAEL continued, "Let's pick our own officers and make them live in the community; that will really eliminate police brutality".



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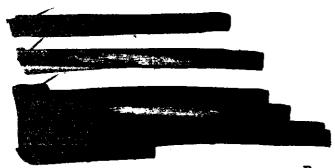
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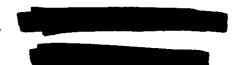
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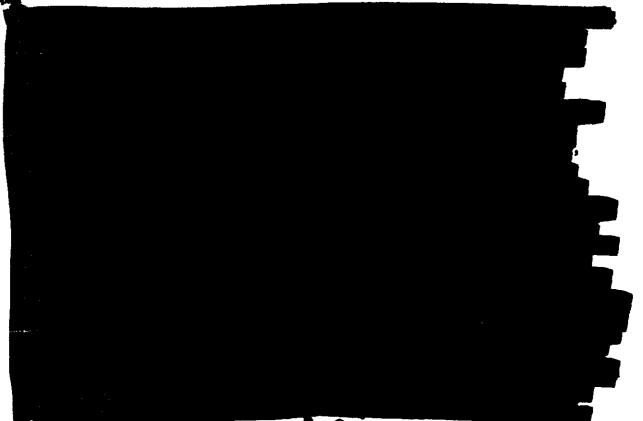
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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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On March 28, 1967, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed that the Washington, D.C., Headquarters of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) had moved from 107 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., to 1234 U Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC)

SNCC moved from 107 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., because the landlord refused to make necessary repairs.

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On September 21, 1967, a Special Agent of the FBI observed that the SNCC office is still located at 1234 U Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

IL OFFICERS

On May 6, 1967, LESTER O. MC KINNIE, Director, SNCC WDC, was identified as the only officer of the organization in WDC.

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MC KINNIE is a rather dedicated, sincere civil rights worker who has personally been involved with the civil rights struggle so long that he needs a rest. He needs to get away from it for a while, to re-evaluate his personal motives and program.

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III. PROGRAM

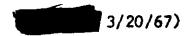
In a report to the National Headquarters of SNCC, Atlanta, Georgia, on May 6, 1967, LESTER G. MC KINNIE, Director, SNCC, WDC, stated his organization had:

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- 1. Established an anti-draft program that entailed:
 - Meeting every Saturday with twenty to twenty-five young people;
 - Working with students to persuade them not to register or volunteer for military service, and
 - c. Preparation of a four page pamphlet relating the Vietnam war to conditions in WDC.
- 2. Initiated a campaign against police brutality by holding rallies, getting petitions signed, and distributing complaint forms and buttons reading "Beware of Cops."
- Considered the establishment of a school, and were looking for a location.
- 4. Planned to launch a campaign in May, 1967 to obtain the right to vote in WDC.



SNCC, WDC, published a leaflet announcing that anyone who wanted to learn about their right to stay out of military service, could appear at SNCC Headquarters, WDC, on March 18, 1967.



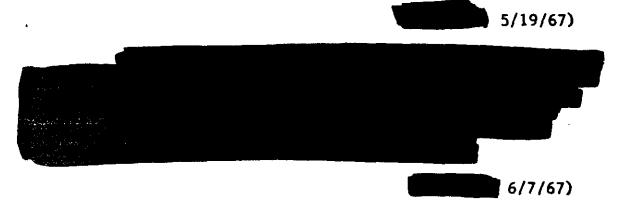
By letter dated, "April, 1967," under the letterhead of SNCC, Atlanta, Georgia and New York, New York, STOKELY CARMICHAEL, then National Chairman of SNCC, made an appeal for contributions. In this letter, CARMICHAEL stated, "This summer, SNCC is conducting a major project in Washington, D.C., where almost a million people, the majority black, have long been denied a voice in government -- in their own affairs."

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An article appearing in the May 2, 1967 issue of "The Washington Post and Times Herald" newspaper, WDC, quoted CARMICHAEL as saying that the national staff of SNCC would discuss the possibility of an intensive "black power" drive in WDC, and the possibility of making Washington its "target city" during the Summer of 1967.

An article appearing in the May 17, 1967, issue of "The Evening Star" newspaper, WDC, reported on a speech made by CARMICHAEL at a public meeting in WDC on the night of May 16, 1967. According to this article, CARMICHAEL confirmed earlier reports he would work in WDC during the Summer of 1967, with the local office of SNCC. He also stated that SNCC would start teaching Negro high school students in WDC to oppose the draft.

One of STOKELY CARMICHAEL's undertakings during the Summer of 1967, would be to organize in WDC a party similar to the Black Panther Party of Lowndes County, Alabama.



On the same date, this informant also indicated that recent newspaper publicity reporting that CARMICHAEL would spend the Summer of 1967 in WDC, was in the nature of a psychological or propaganda move by SNCC to force an

awareness of the lack of opportunities for Negroes in Washington, and to force community action through fear to correct these delinquencies.

This informant also reported on June 7, 1967, that SNCC, WDC, did not actually have a program for the Summer of 1967, and, in fact, is quite disorganized.

IV. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CP) AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

A. PUBLICATIONS

SNCC, 107 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., WDC, appeared on the current mailing list of the Weekend Edition of "The Worker," an east coast communist newspaper.



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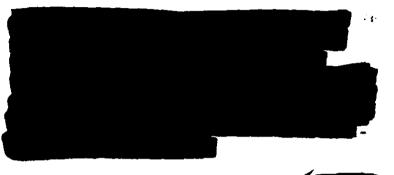
SNCC, WDC, is receiving bulk mailings of "New Politics News," the official publication of the National Conference for New Politics (NCNP), Chicago, Illinois.



"The Worker," an east coast Communist Party (CP) newspaper, issue of May 24, 1966, contained an article reflecting "The newly-organized National Conference for New Politics called last week for support in its efforts to project the peace and civil rights issues nationwide into the forefront of the coming election campaigns."

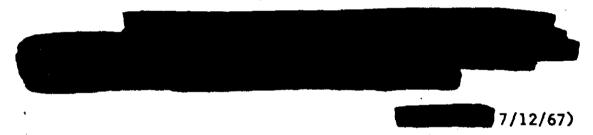
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According to this article the NCNP was created to assist in aiding "local alliances of issues-oriented liberals, student activists, peace and civil rights workers, and grass-roots movements of the poor."



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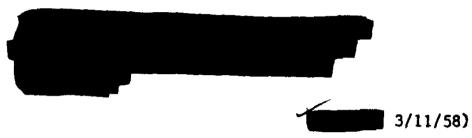
B. INDIVIDUALS



On July 13, 1967, Special Agents of the FBI, observed CARMICHAEL enter the office of SNCC, 1234 U Street, N.W., WDC, at 2:44 p.m., and to depart from that office at 2:49 p.m., the same date.

Earlier on that same date, July 13, 1967, Special Agents of the FBI observed SAM ABBOTT at the office of SNCC, WDC. ABBOTT entered the office at 2:25 p.m., and remained less than five minutes. He then lingered on the sidewalk in front of the office a few more minutes before departing from the area.

The July 19, 1940 edition of the "Buffalo Courier Express" newspaper disclosed that SAM ABBOTT was a candidate for Congress on the CP ticket in the 1940 elections for the 40th Congressional District of New York.



C. ORGANIZATIONS

The Washington Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, formerly known as the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam

The Washington Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (WMC), is the WDC branch of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, which was formerly known as the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (SMC).



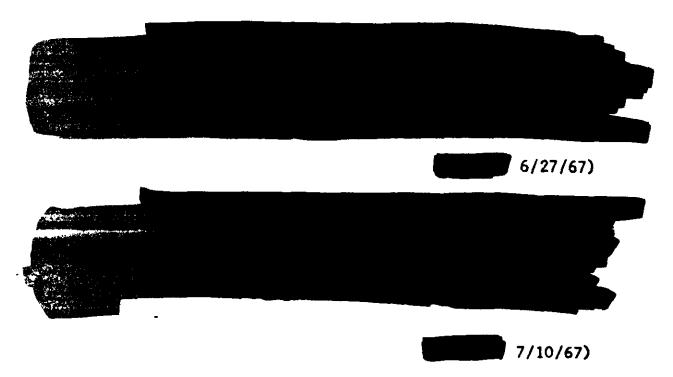
The SMC is described in the publication entitled, "Communist Origin and Manipulation of Vietnam Week (April 8-15, 1967)", a report by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, dated March 31, 1967. Under "Conclusions", page 53, the

the report states in part, "Communists are playing dominent roles in both the Student Mobilization Committee and the Spring Mobilization Committee."

According to an article in the May 17, 1967 issue of "The Washington Post and Times Herald" newspaper, WDC, STOKELY CARMICHAEL, the former National Chairman of SNCC, was one of the featured speakers at a public meeting sponsored by the SMC on the evening of May 16, 1967.

The above meeting was held at the Lincoln Memorial Congregational Temple, WDC.

During his speech, CARMICHAEL called for a massive resistance movement by the nation's young people to end the war in Vietnam. He advocated going to jail for five years rather than going into military service and fighting in Vietnam. CARMICHAEL stated sixteen people in SNCC had said, "Hell, No!", and ended his speech with, "Hell, No, We Won't Go."



The WMC, in conjunction with SNCC, sponsored a rally in Lafayette Park, WDC, on the afternoon of August 6, 1967. About two hundred and fifty people were present with only about twenty people representing SNCC. The several speakers spoke against United States participation in the war in Vietnam.

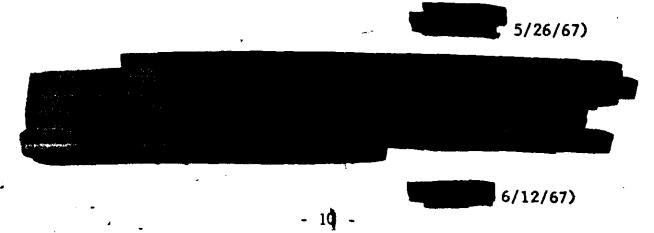
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D. MISCELLANEOUS

the "Washington Afro-American" newspaper, WDC, identified LESTER MC KINNIE as Director, SNCC, WDC, and quoted him as denying any alliance between Communist Cuba and SNCC. In this article MC KINNIE defended the right of STOKELY CARMICHAEL to visit Cuba, and stated he knew of no communists in SNCC.

V. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY BY SNCC, WDC

SNCC leaders have been around to different sections of WDC attempting to line up neighborhood leaders who would be willing to become agitators to stir up local residents if a riot or disturbance did occur.



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A "Soul Session" for the benefit of SNCC washhald in the basement of St. Stephens and the Incarnation Church, WDC, on the evening of June 21, 1967. Comedian DICK GREGORY was the only attraction. A total of twenty-nine people attended.

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The Washington Afro-American" newspaper, WDC, in its issue of June 24, 1967, reported on a press conference held by H. RAD BROWN, the current National Chairman of SNCC at SNCC Headquarters in WDC on June 22, 1967. BROWN was quoted as accusing the Metropolitan Police Department, WDC, of "brutality against black people," and charging that racism is the only reason that Congress does not grant home rule to Washington.

BROWN attacked the police shooting of "six black people in the past three months," and referred to the MPD as "Chief LAYTON's gestapo police." This article quoted BROWN as saying that SNCC should be organizing an antidraft movement among high school students, because young black students in the ghetto are very vulnerable to the draft.

BROWN also stated that SNCC could not organize political parties in the black community because the District of Columbia is voteless, but he did say that "freedom organizations" would be developed.

The June 23, 1967 issue of "The Washington Post and Times Herald" newspaper, WDC, in reporting on the same press conference quoted BROWN as saying that Negroes will get home rule in Washington, "and if it must be gotten by going into the streets, that will be dictated by LYNDON BATNES JOHNSON." He asserted repeatedly that if violence erupts, it will be the fault of the white community, and said "The white man won't get off our back, so we're going to knock him off." He said that, "If America chooses to play Nazi, black people don't choose to play Jews. Destruction and violence have not determined by the victims, but by the oppressors."

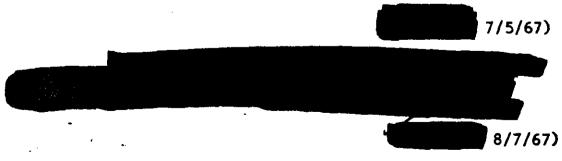
According to this article BROWN did not say how his organization would seek to achieve home rule for WDC, except to say it would form "freedom organizations" to apply pressure on Congress.

When asked if he would encourage Negroes to resort to arms BROWN said, "If it comes to the point that black people must have guns, we will have means and ways to obtain those arms." According to the article each reference to force by BROWN, was couched in terms of a defense needed against the "esculating genocide" of Negroes by the "white power' structure of the Nation."

During this same public press conference, a Special Agent of the FBI, heard BROWN, while speaking of WDC state, "If D.C. don't come round, the black man will burn it down." He described WDC as a "project area" in which SNCC staff members are working, but he said that any type of violence is up to the black man in WDC. BROWN was also heard to say, "Violence is as American as cherry pie."



CARMICHAEL departed WDC July 3, 1967, without taking part in any SNCC activity.



H. RAP BROWN, National Chairman, SNCC, spoke at a "Black Power Rally" at St. Stephens and the Incarnation Church, WDC, on the night of July 27, 1967. During his speech, BROWN noted that black people are in the majority in WDC, and stated that if the "hunkies" don't come around you should burn the city down. He also told those present they should get guns and be ready, because no one knows when the "hunkies" will attack.

H. RAP BROWN was one of several speakers on the night

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of July 27, 1967 at St. Stephens and the Incarnation Church, WDC. The speakers represented several organizations, but the organization sponsoring the meeting, was not announced.

During his speech, BROWN stated that the black man must control everything in the black community, and several times stated that if America and/or WDC "don't come around, the black man will burn it down." BROWN advocated more shooting than looting, adding, "If you loot, loot a gun store." He described President JOHNSON as the most violent man in the world. BROWN also said he did not consider himself obligated to follow the laws of the United 'States because he did not participate in making them.

Following this meeting one unknown Negro male tried to organize a march, but only about six people appeared interested.



On the evening of July 30, 1967, SNCC, WDC, sponsored a fund raising party at the Burning Brush, 2612 Georgia Avenue, N.W., WDC, A \$1.00 donation was solicited at the door, but only about ten people were present.



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"The Evening Star" newspaper, WDC, in its issue of September 13, 1967, following the arrest of H. RAP BROWN in Alexandria, Virginia on that date, reported that LESTER MC KINNIE, SNCC, WDC, announced that a rally would be held on the night of September 13, 1967, in WDC, to raise funds and to protest the arrest.

The SNCC rally on September 13, 1967, was held at the Church of the Redeemer, 15th and Girard Streets, N.E., WDC, and was attended by about one hundred ten people, five of whom were white. LESTER MC KINNIE acted as the moderator, and the several speakers critized BROWN's arrest. A collection was taken to assist BROWN, but the amount collected was not announced.



VI. LITERATURE

The following have been distributed by SNCC, WDC:

A leaflet captioned, "Uncle Sam Wants You Nigger," states that free individual help in dealing with a draft board, and films about Vietnam and the draft would be available at SNCC, 107 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., WDC, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, March 18, 1967.

Referring to "Uncle Sam" this leaflet states, "He wants you to become a member of the world's highest paid black mercenary army...to support White Power -- travel to Vietnam (you might get a medal)...receive valuable training in the skills of killing off other oppressed peoples!" It also states, "Find Out How To Avoid The Draft (Legally)", and "Learn About Your Right To Stay Out Of The Army!"



An undated appeal for contributions by LESTER G. MC KINNIE, Director, SNCC, Washington, D.C. MC KINNIE



pointed out that SNCC has a special scholarship program to help SNCC personnel return to school. He also pointed out that SNCC workers have some vital needs such as cars, two-way radios for protection, bail funds, paper, and other supplies.



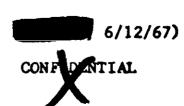
A leaflet captioned, "BLACK AMERICA: IN DANGER." This leaflet states, "It seems that White America is doing everything in its power to destroy Black America:

- "1. Police Brutality (10 Black People shot down in the streets in the last year)
- "2. Vietnam (Black soldiers go to the front in time of war)
- "3. Poor Housing No right to vote EQUALS
- "4. Ghetto Slums No power over our lives and conditions."



An eight page booklet captioned on the front page, "UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU NIGGER", and "HELL NO! AMERICA IS THE BLACK MAN'S BATTLEGROUND." This booklet contains photographs of bombed churches in Mississippi, burned homes in Vietnam, and children injured and burned in both these areas

It also states, "You Do Not Have To Be Drafted. There Are Many Legal Ways To Avoid Being Sent To Vietnam. Free Advice On How To Deal With Your Draft Board Is Available From SNCC."



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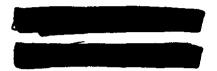
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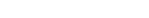


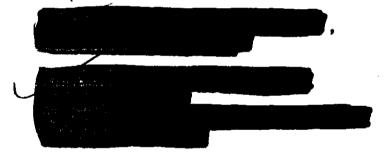
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Synopsis:

Washington, D. C. (WDC). Office of SNCC, formerly located at 2208 14th Street, N. W., WDC, with LESTER MC KINNIE as Director was closed as of 9/13/68 after exchange of gun fire between factions of MC KINNIE and those supporting STOKELY CARMICHAEL. CARMICHAEL reported "fired" from SNCC as of 8/21/68. Financial condition of SNCC, WDC, continues to be poor. SNCC literature handed out critical of police and inflammatory in nature.

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. DETAILS:

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On September 13, 1968, the Washington, D. C. Office of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which was located at 2208 14th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., was closed and badlocked due, to the internal differences between several factions within the Washington, D. C. (WDC), group, one loyal to LESTER MC KINNIE, Head of WDC, SNCC and the other loyal to STOKELY CARMICHAEL.

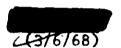
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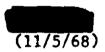
On March 6, 1968, LESTER G. MC KINNIE was identified as Director, SNCC, WDC.



Because of the internal problems in the WDC office of SNCC, LESTER MC KINNIE, Director of Washington, D. C., SNCC group became frightened and left the city.

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Due to the fact the SNCC office is now closed there is no longer any volunteer office staff. It is difficult to determine if there are any active sympathizers of SNCC in WDC, inasmuch as there is no SNCC office and no program of activity by SNCC in the area.



An article appearing in "The Evening Star", a Washington, D. C., daily newspaper, stated on page B-3 in the edition dated September 9, 1968, that HASSAN JERU-AHMED BEY, leader of the Black Man's Volunteer Army of Liberation (BVAL), advised newsmen at a press conference that the BVAL had been requested to defend the local SNCC headquarters from attacks.

A copy of this article is attached herewith.

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SNCC Unit 5 Here to Split With National

The Washington chapter of the militant Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee will soon announce its independence from the national organization, it was learned yesterday.

A newly painted sign on the local office at 2208 14th St. NW is the giveaway. It now reads, "Washington Independent SNCC."

Lester McKianie, local SNCC director declined to discuss the matter at a press conference yesterday which he called to announce that the office had been fired upon three times during the past three days by SNCC opponents.

McKinnie said an announcement about the new status of his organization would be made

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The Washington chapter reportedly feels that the national group is not relevant to the needs of Washington's black community, and will therefore declare its autonomy.

At yesterday's press conference, Hassan Jeru-Ahmed Rey, leader of the local Black Man's volunteer Army of Liberation who has publically unifered with SNCCs policies in the past, said the attacks reported by SNCC put him in a "perplexing situation. He said this was because "many people know "I never supported Stokely Carmichael or SNCC or the plans that came out of SNCC."

But Hassan said he felt that the Washington SNCC chapter, at least, has changed its polides, and that he joined in the defense of the local headquarters from the attacks, "because vollence would give the Black Panthers a treasendous strength in the ghetton."

"The Washington Post" mentioned previously, contained an article on page A-1, dated September 9, 1968, regarding an exchange of shots between members of the BVAL and individuals alleged to be affiliated with the Black Panther Party.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party is included in the Appendix section of this report.

A copy of this article is attached herewith.

Volley of Gunfire Hits SNCC Office

By Robert F. Levey Wahington Post Staff Writer

A volley of shots was ex-protection until officials feel changed across the alley be-the situation has cooled off. hind the Washington office of the Student Non-Violent Coor-trouble began dinating Committee yesterday when three men—whom he identified as members of the morning in the third outbreak California-based Biack of violence there in as many Panther Party-entered the

culmination of a dispute over them. the leadership of local SNCC, involving president Lester and left the office. He said he McKinnie and former allies returned an hour later to find Tho want him ousted.

Yesterday morning at least six shots were fired at the of entrance and asked the men to fice and an equal number of leave," McKinnie told a press shots returned by "guards" in conference yesterday. "They side the building.

Early Friday and late Saturday, other shots were fired at worth a dime." the SNCC office at 2208 14th On Wednesday night, Mc-st. nw. On Saturday three fire. Kinnie said, he enlisted the apparently the three incidents.

Police yesterday began a Hassan Juru-Ahmed Bey of special, one-man patrol of the the Bigck Man's Volunteer 2200 block of 14th Street to Army of Liberation. Accordance added round-the-clock See SHOOT, As, Col. 1

According to McKinnie, the Biack SNCC office and demanded The violence is an apparent that McKinnie turn it over to

> McKinnie said he refused. the front door padlocked.

> "I went in through a back said we (the SNCC staff) had to leave or my life wasn't

On Wednesday night, Mcwere support of two local Negro thrown. There were no injuries and minimal damage in Pride, Inc. and a former chairthe three incidents.

SHOOT, From A1

ing to the three men, they and about 15 of their men have stood guard inside SNCC's office and on nearby rooftops since that night to guard against a Black Panther attack.

Contacted in Oakland, Calif., Black Panther Minister of Information <u>Eldridge</u> Cleaver said there were no Black Panthers in Washington and denied that the Panthers trying to "take over" are SNCC.

He said an alliance between SNCC and the Panthers-originally arranged by former SNCC leader Stokely Carmichael without consent of SNCC's board of directorshas been broken, and that the Black Panthers "are not interested at all in SNCC."

National SNCC sources said with the resistance against the sources said Lassiter has re-Kinnie is being led by former cently been critical of Mclocal SNCC staff members Kinnie. who think McKinnie is an ineffective leader.

Bey charged that the take the Washington situation over attempt is being led by when he left the country William M. (Mickey) Lassiter, Wednesday, his personal sector spent cartridges were whom Bey Mentified as a retary said yesterday. He did found in a vacant fifth-floor Black Panther Lassiter could not back either the McKinnie apartment in the building, and yesterday.

said Lassiter is a former aide black people." of McKinnie's in Washington



The Washington Post

This window was shot out in exchange of gunfire near SNCC office.

The the Panthers. cently been critical of Mc. they came from a five-story

Carmichael, who İs Dakar, Senegal, was aware of from the rear door of SNCC the Washington situation across an alley. not be reached for comment of the Lassiter factions, she that six shots had struck the said, "but he asked them not SNCC office. All were .38 cali-But national SNCC sources to have black people fighting ber, Lt. Sady said.

SNCC and is not associated ence yesterday that "we have Army members were a .22 cali- Davis and Leon Dash.

said hostile fire was returned shotgun. only yesterday morning by men inside SNCC.

ened by the gun fire returned Corporation Counsel's office. by Bey's men. She said she was asleep on the sofa when a remain on duty in and around bullet came through her win-SNCC headquarters. Asked if dow, missing her by not more they would be armed, he re-than a few feet. She, her hus-plied that he was "running an band and their 14-year-old son army, and an army had better crawled out of the apartment be prepared. on their knees, she said.

voluntarily turned over three guns to police after yesterday's shooting.

Lt. Sady said the trajectory of the shots that struck the SNCC office indicated that apartment building at 1407 W in st. nw., which is about 50 feet Bey said the Panthers were

He said "between eight and spent cartridges were

Bey said at the press confer- turned over by Liberation reports by staff writers George

been attacked three times and ber pistol, a 380 calber auto-have attacked no one." He matic pistol and a 20-gauge

He said the wearons belonged to Col. Bey, Capt. Wali Mrs. Daniel Lewis, a resi-Ssul Hamah El and Lt. Jabil dent of the apartment house Ameen El, all listed at 1642 from which the shots were al- Newton st. nw. Lt. Sady said legedly fired at the SNCC of- all three would appear at a fice, told police she was awak-hearing at 10 am, today in the

Bey said that guards would

Barry said it was "tragic Lt. John Sady of the Thir. that black people are fighting teenth Police Precinct said each other," but warned that Bey and two of his men had the SNCC "guards" were not "playing games."

"We are in a spot," Barry said. "If we do anything we get our guns taken. If we don't, we get killed."

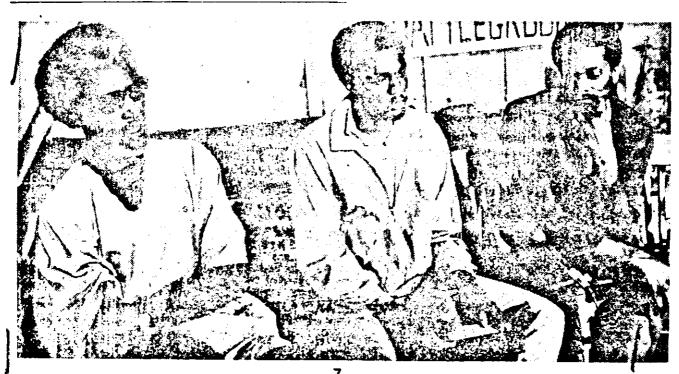
Asked to analyze the motives of the Black Panthers if they really are the aggressors, engaged in a nationwide power struggle with SNCC.

He said that if the SNCC "guards" allowed the Panthers to take over, "they would gain tremendous strength in the ghettoes of this country."

This account was assembled by Washington Post Staff Lt. Sady said the three guns Writer Robert F. Levey from



By LeRoy Woodson Jr.—The Washington Posts t. Jabil Ameen El, left, and Lt. Rajan Muhammel El, members of the Black Man's Army of Liberation, guard the local SNCC headquarters after attacks.



By LeRoy Woodson Jr .- The Washington Post

"The Washington Post" mentioned previously, contained an article on page P-4, dated September 11, 1968, stating that prosecution had been dropped in the shooting incident at SNCC headquarters involving the BVAL.

A copy of this article is attached herewith.

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Prosecution Dropped in SNCC Case

By Thomas W. Lippman Washington Post Staff Writer

A Federal prosecutor warned the Black Man's Youunteer Army of Liberation yesterday that the city "fust will not tolerate" any attempt by private groups to usurp the protective duties of the police.

Joel D. Blackwell, chief assistant U.S. attorney, told officers of the Volunteer Army that he would not prosecute them for opening fire on Sunday during a reported attack on the Washington office of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

keep the three guns turned over to police investigating the incident by the Army's leader, Col. Hassan Jury-Ahmed Bey, and two of his assistants.

The three began shooting Sunday morning when violence broke out near the SNCC office for the third time in three days. Bullets and fire bombs struck thebuilding.

"Nobody questions that it was self-defense," Blackwell said after a hearing on the incident. "Since you were there you had a right to defend yourself. But I question your right to be there."

He said it was the job of the police to give protection in such cases.

Hassan and his men acknowledged shooting "with seprious intent" during the incident Sunday, firing from the SNCC office at 2208 14th st. nw. into an apartment house at 1407 W st. nw.

They were there, Hassan said, to protect SNCC—a task he took of reluctantly because "I saw a lone man being intimidated by a new kind of organization."

The "lone man" was local SNCC leader Lester Mc-Kinnie, who said earlied that he called in Hassan for protection because members of a militant group known as the Black Panthers had demanded that he turn the office over to them. McKinnie was not at the hearing.

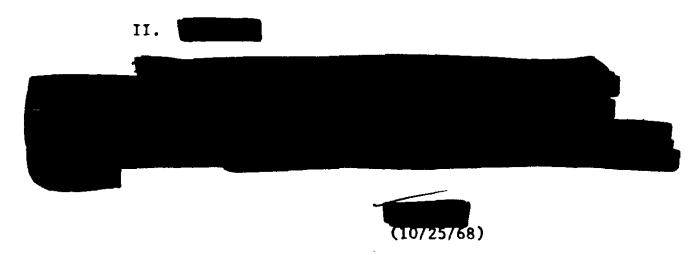
The Panthers, who are based in Oakland, Calif., have denied that they are active in Washington.

Some SNCC sources report that the attacks are part of an internal dispute over Mc-Kinnie's leadership.

Hassan was accompanied to the hearing by his attorney, Raymond Brownlow, and by five other members of his Army, clad in their uniform of black trousers, dark green tunies with tricolor patches on the shoulders, and black betrets.

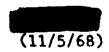
Hassan told Blackwell that McKinnie has "left town" and that the SNCC office has been abandoned because it cannot be defended. He said his men would heed Blackwell's warning against taking the law into their own hands.

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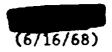
Due to the fact the SNCC Office is now closed there is no SNCC program in WDC at the present time.



IV. INTERNAL DISSENTION

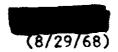
LESTER MC KINNIE, head of WDC SNCC, complained at the National SNCC Staff meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia, June 11-14, 1968, that STOKELY CARMICHAEL was conducting himself in a way which was detrimental to the SNCC organization in the District of Columbia. He stated that CARMICHAEL was exercising a disruptive influence in the affairs of the office and seemed almost intent on destroying SNCC in WDC.

MC KINNIE also said that newspaper accounts of CARMICHAEL and his wife buying a \$70,000 house in WDC had resulted in many phone calls to the SNCC office from people who stated they would send no further contributions to SNCC since it was obvious SNCC did not need the money.



On August 21, 1968, the New York Office of SNCC announced that STOKELY CARMICHAEL had been "fired" from SNCC. Three reasons were cited for this action:

- (1) Failure of CARMICHAEL to report to SNCC on the details of his personal life.
- (2) Failure of CARMICHAEL to report on the details of activities in connection with SNCC, WDC.
- (3) CARMICHAEI's threat to the SNCC leadership in WDC.



"The Washington Post", in an article on page B-1 of the September 20, 1968, issue carried a story entitled "SNCC Falters Without Carmichael", which set out information concerning an alliance and the subsequent split between SNCC and the Black Panther Party.

A copy of this article is attached herewith.

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VCC Falters



Carmichael

By Robert Maynard Coalitions and new alli sues they tried to avoid at Washington Post Staff Writer

blokely (Carmichael's departure from the Student Nanviolent Coordinating Coordinating Committee has left the organization badly split nationally and almost nonexistent in Washington.

Carmichael, currently traveling in Africa, is now a high-ranking official (they call him Prime Minister) of the Oakland-based Black

Panther Party.

SNCC is dead and Carmicipal is alive and well in the Panthers," one former collegue said recently in New York.

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ances in the Black move the beginning cannot be ment are occurring like avoided any longer. The many games of ideological basic priblem is that any ac-musical chairs all over the tion you take carries ideo-Nation. The closing of Wash-logical implications." ington SNCC is an example of the scramble as Carmichael moved from SNCC to the Panthers.

The Black civil rights coalition Carmichael put together here in January on his re turn from a world tour, is also faltering, according to several members, one of whom explained it this way:

"Black United Front is

close to falling apart. The is-

Civil rights ecumenism be-

came impossible, that source said, because each issue the Front tackled brought the membership face to face with their differing ideplogies.

The story of SNCC, Carmi-

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chael, the Panthers and the Front emerged after interviews with a score of per-sons in Washington and across the country.

However, the overwhelming majority of those inter-

remain undia the lasues. closed. Some felt that the frightened. "When you get

viewed requested that their they did not wish to confuse

black radical and nationalist into stuff involving the movements are in the throes Panthers, I think discretion of a basic realignment and is the better part of valor, a West Coast activist said.

Well-armed and dressed in forbidding black leather jackets, the Panthers have cut out a place for themselves in several black communities as protectors and

defenders of blacks. hey sprang from the abralive situation between the Oscland Police Department and the black community, a situation that threatened trouble for years, a threat that was finally realized with the shooting last year of a policeman by one of the founders of the Panthers, Huey P Newton.

Because of their urban genesis, the Panthers are a very different breed of activist from the Southern rural SNCC workers.

A relatively young organiization, the Black Panthers have developed a mighty reputation among radicals n the past three years. inajor portion of that repu

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tation is for violent resolu-

An example is a violent confrontation between members of the Panthers who accompanied Carmichael to a SNCC meeting in New York and James Forman, who has been running the SNCC operation in New York.

That meeting was the last straw for Forman and SNCC, insofar as Carmichael was concerned. Crmichael was fired shortly aferward and Forman would upfirst in a hospital and later in Puerto Rico, suffering from nervous collapse.

The incident occurred at a July meeting in New York during which representatives of the Panthers and SNCC were discussing their difficulties over what had been publicly announced as a merger.

Forman, Carmichael and H. Rap Brown, then SNCC chairman, had taken posts in the Panthers earlier this year, but the SNCC Central Committee vetoed the pact for a number of reasons, one of them being a reference by a Panther to SNCC workers as "black hippies."

The Central Committee in June said emphatically that SNCC wanted no merger with the Panthers. Brown and Forman quit their Panther posts, but Carmichel did not.

At the July meeting, in an argument over whether SNCC would support a Panther program, the heated discussion resulted in Panthers drawing guns on Forman.

Julius Lester, a SNCC worker and author of Look Out, whitey: Black Power's Gon' Get Your Mama," said in an article in the National Guardian:

"The shoot-out was averted, fortunately, but there was no doubt in the minds of any members of either organization that whatever merger or alliance may have existed was finished."

Carmichael had already cast his lot with the Panthers and moved completely into their organization after the July incident.

The actual announcement of his firing was a formality when it finally came late in August

More recently, Washington SNCC was allegedly under sniper fire and again the talk turned to the Panthers as the culprits.

"From now on," said a friend of Carmichael, "whenver you see a black cat with a gun he's gonna be a Panther. This is ridiculous, black folks been abooting at each other since the the Chinese discovered gun powder, but all of a sudden nobody shoots but Panthers."

Whether from real or fancied danger, Lester Mc-Kinnie, who has been ordered to leave the SNCC office by friends of Carmichael, decided it would be wise to leave town for a short time.

Knowledgeable informants disagree on the question of Panther organization in Washington. Friends of McKinnie, the ousted Washington director, say Panthers are becoming active here, and Carmichael's closest associates say they are not.

A neutral observer, a minister, doubts there is any Panther organizing here and gives this reason, referring to Carmichael:

"He'd have been foolish to try to develop a Panther organization in Washington. First of all, there's no sentiment for it here, and secondly, it's too close to the Feds. They'd be busted in a minute."

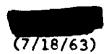
Those claiming there are Panthers simply point to the fact that Carmichael's new organizational affiliation is the Black Panther Party. Some of his former SNCC followers, these sources reason, will go into whatever organization Carmichael goes into.

"For them," one former SNCC worker said, "The principal ideology is Stokely Carmichael."

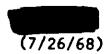
V. PUBLICATIONS

Some literature handed out at the Washington Office of SNCC is as follows:

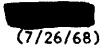
A mimeographed sheet captioned "Gestapo Police Strike Again," which contains inflammatory statements concerning the manner in which a Negro was shot and killed by a white policeman. The leaflet stated in the last paragraph that "continued Gestapo tactics of this nature will not be tolerated."



Another piece of literature which was distributed publicly by SNCC on July 23, 1968, was captioned "I'm Coming From A Black Thing" and announced a SNCC party planned for July 27, 1968.



Another piece of literature distributed by SNCC was captioned "Liberation School" which stated in effect that the staff of SNCC planned a summer school for the young children of Washington.



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APPENDIX

STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), headquartered at 360-362 Nelson Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, is a nonmembership organization, which was born out of the sit-in movement that erupted across the South beginning in 1960.

Today SNCC identifies itself as an organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

According to SNCC the year 1967 marked a historic milestone in the struggle for the liberation of black people in the United States and the year that revolutionaries throughout the world began to understand more fully the impact of the black movement. SNCC declared that "liberation will come only when there is final destruction of this mad octopus—the capitalistic system of the United States with all its life-sucking tentacles of exploitation and racism that choke the people of Africa, Asia, and Latim America. The realities of black life, together with the recognition instilled in SNCC workers forced its members to further popularize the legitimacy of self-defense and rebellions when oppression became too great."

From May, 1966, until May, 1967, Stokely Carmichael was National Chairman of SNCC. As of July, 1968, Carmichael resided in Washington, D. C., where he was affiliated with SNCC and active as temporary chairman of a black coalition group. In May, 1967, Carmichael was replaced by Hubert Geroid Brown, commonly known as H. Rap Brown, who served until June, 1968.

In June, 1968, at the Staff and Central Committee meeting of SNCC held in Atlanta, Georgia, it was decided to restructure the organization by equalization of responsibility by creating ten deputy or vice chairmanships. The primary purpose for this change is to take law enforcement pressure off any single individual.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka Black Panther Party for Self Defense

A source advised that the Black Panther Party for Self Defense (BPPSD) was formed by HUEY PERCY NEWTON, Minister of Defense, and BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, Chairman, in December, 1966, as a militant black nationalist political organization to combat police brutality, to unite militant black youth, and to determine the destiny of black communities. The political philosophy was taken from writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of Communist China and black militant writers.

In March, 1968, the name of the organization was changed to Black Panther Party (BPP).

The official BPP publication, ''The Black Panther Party-Black Community News Service,'' states that the BPP advocates use of guns and guerrilla tactics in their violent revolutionary program to end oppression of black people.

On February 17, 1968, ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, Minister of Information, announced merger of the BPP and Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and bestowed title of Minister of Justice, BPP, upon H. RAP BROWN, Chairman of SNCC.

SNCC is a militant Negro orginization which preaches black supremacy.

Headquarters of BPP is located at 4421 Grove Street, Oakland, California.

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Review of pertinent information regarding the washington, D. C., district office of SNCC does not disclose a basis for continuing investigation of COMINFIL SNCC as stipulated in the Manual of Instructions. WFO will continue to evaluate information concerning this organization and furnish same to the Atlanta Office.

A copy of this report has been furnished to the Baltimore Office for information since activity in balance

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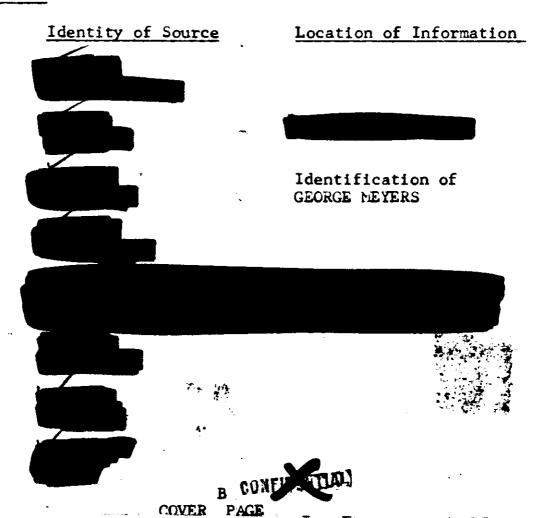
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of washington SNCC has been reported in the Maryland suburbs of washington, D. C., in the past and also because of visits of GEORGE MEYERS to the washington office of SNCC. MEYERS is a member of the National Committee, CPUSA and a Baltimore subject.

In the absence of above, this report should be classified "Conf. atial" since information from could reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C. DETAILS:

ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH CPUSA

In March, 1966, the following name and address appeared on the current mailing list of the weekend edition of "The Worker":

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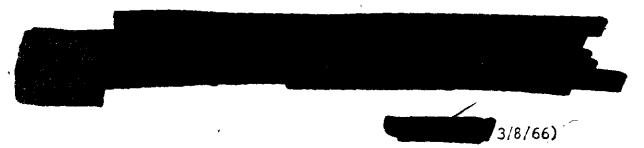
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"The Worker" is an East Coast communist newspaper.

The current Mashington, D.C. Metropolitan Area Telephone Directory lists the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) address as 107 Rhode Island Avenue, N. M.

"The Washington Post and Times Herald', cafed August 27, 1966, on page D16, reported under caption 'DuBois Clubs Plan 2 Days of Rallies," an interview with HEGH/FOWLER, identified in the article as Executive Secretary of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA). He said 1,000 members of the organization would attend rallies in Washington, D.C., and would camp out in Maryland's Patapsco State Park, using camping gear supplied by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (NFDP).

The DCA is described in the appendix.



advised in June, 1965, that GEORGE NEYERS is a member of the National Committee, CFUSA, and organizer of the southern region of the CPUSA.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. BY STOKELY CARMICHAEL

"The Evening Star," a Washington, D. C. newspaper, in an article on page B-2 of the August 22, 1966 issue

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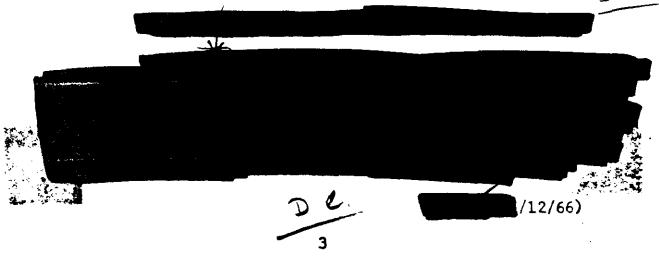
published an article by KENNETH IKENEERRY, Star staff writer, captioned "Carmichael Hits Police, D.C. Power Structure." This article quoted STOKELY CARMICHAEL as commenting on Washington's voteless status as follows:

"I don't think black people ought to wait to get the vote, because you're waiting for the white man to give it to you and he's not about to do that.

"You ought to get together and tell the man that if you don't get the vote you're gonna burn down this city. Tell him, 'If we don't get the vote you're not gonna have a Washington, D. C.!"

The article reported that CARMICHAEL, national chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, made above statements at a rally at 10th and U Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C., on August 21, 1966.

"The Washington Afro American and Washington Tribune," a Washington, D. C. newspaper, in an article dated August 23, 1966, captioned "Carmichael Holds Rally in Southeast", reported on the same rally mentioned above from "The Evening Star." The Afro-American article quoted CARMICHAEL as saying, "If you tell them you're going to burn down the city, I bet you get the vote."



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ARPENDIX

W.R.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source has advised that on October 26-27,1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are: "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965, identities of those serving on the NEC has varied; however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of July, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 180 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois.





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